

**METHOD OF FITTING A PACKAGING HOOD OVER A LOAD****CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The invention relates to an apparatus for wrapping a one- or multi-part load with at least one elastic foil hood that is gathered into folds and stretched and subsequently pulled over the one- or multi-part load, the gathered foil hood being stretched and pulled down by means of a pull-down device movable along the one- or multi-part load, and whereby the pull-down device has four tensioning fingers that are movable in planes perpendicular to a pull-down direction and that each have a bow-shaped tensioning element lying in this plane and, secured to it, a bow-shaped brace element extending generally in the pull-down direction in order to be able to take on the gathered foil hood in the respective corners of the one- or multi-part load to be wrapped and to pull it down over the one- or multi-part load.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

In one type of the known apparatus for wrapping, the folding of the foil that is normally closed at one end is effected by gathering right on the pull-down device. The pull-down device